

## **XII. NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE CERTIFICATION**

If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division 1 or Division 2 athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.

The certification process should start after your junior year grades are posted on your transcript. Check with your guidance counselor to be sure that you are taking a core curriculum that meets NCAA requirements.

In addition, register to take the ACT or SAT as a junior.

Submit your Student Release Form to the Clearinghouse early in your senior year, or when you definitely have decided to participate in athletics during your freshman year in college.

In order to be certified by the Clearinghouse for the 2001-02 academic year as required by Bylaw 14.3, the student-athlete must:

**A.** Graduate from high school

**B.** Earn a grade-point average of at least 2.00 (based on a maximum 4.00 scale) in a core\* curriculum of at least 13 academic courses that were successfully completed during grades 9 through 12. Only courses that satisfy the NCAA definition of a core course can be used to calculate your NCAA grade-point average. "Eighth-grade courses may not be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements for those student-athletes entering a Division I or II collegiate institution on or after August 1, 1996." No special values are allowed for "+" or "-" grades. Core courses must include a minimum of:

	<b>Division I</b>	<b>Division II</b>
English core	4 years	3 years
Mathematics core	2 years	2 years
Science core	2 years	2 years
Social Science core	2 years	2 years
From English, Mathematics or Science core	1 year	2 years
Additional core (English, Math, Science, Social Science, Foreign Language, Computer Science, Philosophy, Non-doctrinal Religion)	2 years	2 years

**C.** Earn a composite score of at least 17 on the ACT or a combined score of at least 820 on the recentered SAT (or 700 on the non-recentered SAT) on a national test date.

For Division I: The minimum grade-point average in the 13 core courses and required ACT or SAT score vary according to the Initial-Eligibility Index, which is scheduled to take effect for students enrolling as college freshman during 2001-2002 who wish to participate in Division I athletics:

**QUALIFIER**

<b>Core GPA</b>	<b>ACT* (new sum of subscores)</b>	<b>SAT (old scoring system)</b>	<b>SAT*** (new scoring system)</b>
2.500 + above	68	700	820
2.475	69	710	830
2.450	70	720	840-850
2.425	70	730	860
2.400	71	740	860
2.375	72	750	870
2.350	73	760	880
2.325	74	770	890
2.300	75	780	900
2.275	76	790	910
2.250	77	800	920
2.225	78	810	930
2.200	79	820	940
2.175	80	830	950
2.150	80	840	960
2.125	81	850	960
2.100	82	860	970
2.075	83	870	980
2.050	84	880	990
2.025	84	880	990
2.025	85	890	1000
2.000	86	900	1010

### Partial Qualifier

(Does not meet standards for qualifier): Eligible to practice at institution's home facility freshman year. No competition during freshman year. Three seasons of competition. May receive institutional financial aid during freshman year, including athletics scholarship

<b>Core GPA</b>	<b>ACT* (new sum of subscores)</b>	<b>SAT (old scoring system)</b>	<b>SAT*** (new scoring system)</b>
2.750 + above	59	600	720
2.725	59	610	730
2.700	60	620	730
2.675	61	630	740-750
2.650	62	640	760
2.625	63	650	770
2.600	64	660	780
2.575	65	670	790
2.550	66	680	800
2.525	67	690	810

### Nonqualifier

(Does not meet standards for qualifier of partial qualifier.) No practice or competition during freshman year. Three seasons of competition. May receive institutional need-based aid only during freshman year, which may not be from an athletics source.

If you have questions about the certification process or the status of your certification documents, you may contact the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse at:

**NCAA Clearinghouse**  
**2255 North Dubuque Road**  
**P.O. Box 4044**  
**Iowa City, IA 52243-4044**  
**(319) 337-1492**

Students, parents, counselors and coaches seeking answers regarding initial eligibility may call 1-800-638-3731.